Earning by Freight Traffic

4090. SHRI L. RAMANA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways earning was far behind its target for freight traffic during 1996-97;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railways were behind the target carrying raw materials for steel plants, finished steel, iron ore, cement, fertilizer and petroleum products; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d) There was a shortfall in freight earnings with reference to the original target. However, with reference to the revised target, the actual freight earnings were higher in comparison with the proportionate target upto Jan, 1997 as brought out below :

To end of Jan 1997
(Rs. in crore)

	Proportionate target based on Revised Estimate	Actuals	Variation
Goods Earnings	13558.18	13615.82	+57.64

The shortfall was essentially due to non-materialisation of projected traffic from the core sector, barring coal.

[Translation]

Railway Factories

4091. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Railway factories in the country alongwith their installed capacities, location-wise;

(b) the details of the coaches/wagons manufactured by these factories during each of the last three years upto January 31, 1997, factory-wise;

(c) whether these factories have produced their products according to their installed capacity;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to tap their full capacity; and

(f) the details of the wagons/coaches purchased by the Government during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a)

	Details of the Railway factories location-wise	Installed capacity
(i)	Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan, West Bengal.	150 locomotives per annum (Electrical)
(ii)	Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.	150 locomotives per annum (Diesel)
(iii)	Integral Coach Factory, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.	1000 coaches per annum.
(iv)	Rail Coach Factory Kapurthala, Punjab.	1000 coachs per annum.
(v)	Diesel Component Works, Patiala, Punjab.	72 locos rebuilding per annum
(vi)	Wheel and Axle Plant, Bangalore, Karnataka.	77000 wheels and 48000 axles per annum.

(b) The coaches are manufactured only in Integral Coach Factory and Rail Coach Factory in Railway Sector. The details are as under :

Railway Factory	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 Upto Jan. 97
Integral Coach Factory	780	890	802
Rail Coach Factory	775	690	698

Details of the wagons manufactured by Railway Workshops during last three years is given below :

Railway Workshops	Wagons manufactured (In terms of four wheeler units)		
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (Upto Jan'97)
Amritsar	400	400	445
Golden Rock	500	650	370
Samastipur	300	327.5	360
Total	1200	1377.5	1175

(c) Based on Railway's requirement of coaches and wagons for a particular year the orders are placed on Production Units and workshops for manufacturing coaches and wagons. However, efforts are made to fully utilise their installed capacities.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

(f) Total number of the coaches and wagons procured by Railways (including from Railway

Workshops) during last three years is given below :

Year	(In terms of four wheeler units) Wagons	Coaches
1994-95	10575	1579
1995-96	17950	1752
1996-97 (Upto Jan. 1997)	17430	1677

[English]

Doordarshan Production Centre, Karnataka

4092. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the places in Karnataka having Doordarshan Production Centres, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to open such more Centres in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Two Programme Production Centres, one each at Bangalore and Gulbarga are presently operational in the State of Karnataka.

(b) There is no approved scheme, at present, to set up additional Programme Production Centres in Karnataka.

(c) Does not arise.

Waiting List for Telephone Connections

4093. SHRI RAJU RANA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of customers on waiting list for telephone connections in Bhavnagar city;

(b) the time by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared;

(c) whether the Government have a proposal to install new telephone exchanges in the district during 1997; and

(d) if so, the details alongwith names of the villages thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There are 10661 customers on waiting list for telephone connections in Bhavnagar city as on 28.02.1997.

(b) The existing waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively by March, 1998.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. There is a plan to commission 15000 lines New Technology exchange at Bhavnagar city during 1997-98. It is also proposed to open new telephone exchanges in the following villages in Bhavnagar district during 1997-98 :

S.No.	Name of Village	Type of exchange
1.	Bhutia	256 C-DOT
2.	Bajud	-do-
3.	Dolti	128 C-DOT
4.	Ganghali	-do-
5.	Bagdana	-do-

Free Travel Railway Passes

4094. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of free railway passes issued for higher-class railway travel and the cost involved per annum during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 so far, indicating the criteria adopted for issues of such passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : A statement is enclosed.

Statement

S.No.	Category	No. of higher class pass (IAC/2AC/IClass) issued 1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (upto 7.3.97)
1.	Individual and organisations at discretion of MR	181	315	425
2.	Ex. MR/MOS(R)/DMR	3	4	5
3.	Ex. MPs	1258	1301	1670
4.	Arjuna Awardees/ Olympic Medalists/ Asian & Commonwealth Gold Medalists	—	—	337
5.	Gallantry Awardees (Defence)	—	—	467
6.	Gallantry Awardees	—	—	243
7.	Presidents/Secretaries of National Sports Federation of India.	—	—	46

Since passes are complimentary in nature, the cost thereof is not computed.

In regard to category (i) above, complimentary card passes are issued at the personal discretion of the